

MURDERERS ARE BURNED BY THE MOB

Georgia Negroes Who Killed and Burned a Family Are Taken From Jail and Lynched at Statesboro.

Were Guarded by the Military but Infuriated Crowd Overpowered the Guard.

CRIED IN VAIN FOR MERCY

The Two Negroes Had Been Convicted and Sentenced to Be Hung but Mob Would Not Wait.

Statesboro, Ga., Aug. 16.—With clothing saturated with kerosene, writhing and twisting in their agony, screaming to heaven for the mercy the mob would not show, Paul Reed and Will Cato, negroes and two of the principals in the murder and burning of Henry Hodges and wife and three of their children, six miles from Statesboro three weeks ago, were burned at the stake today.

This afternoon at 1:20 o'clock the mob charged on the court house, overpowered the military guard, secured Cato and Reed, who had been found guilty after a legal trial, and were sentenced to be hanged, took them two miles from Statesboro and there burned them alive. Both had been found guilty the day before, and were sentenced to hang September 2. The crowd assembled about the court house was not as large as yesterday, nor was it so threatening, though for that matter there was never much parade, the countrymen always being quiet.

In the trial of Reed, little delay had been caused and on its conclusion the prisoners, as before, were hurried into the witness room, where a strong guard of militia was mounted over them.

In the corridors an agitation began, spectators left the court room and from the lawn outside many entered the hallways. Shortly before 1 o'clock the crowd was addressed by a tall man who seemed to inflame it greatly. He called on those about him to follow him. With fixed bayonets, but unloaded rifles the guards stood. The mob surged toward them, but were repulsed several times.

Overpowered the Guards.
Suddenly 25 men crowded around the guards. Before they could be prevented, they had caught two guards and wrested their weapons from them. The captured soldiers were held prisoners. The same policy followed with others of the soldiers. Man after man, caught isolated, was relieved of his rifle after a struggle.

The small guard about the prisoners withdrew into a room and closed the door. The mob crashed against it, burning it in easily, and Cato and Reed were dragged out. Reed was taken down one stairway with a rope about his neck, and Cato down the other, both pleading for their lives. By this time the crowd numbered 500 persons. The doomed men were dragged, the crowd shouting and cheering, along the roadway towards Hodge's homestead.

The heat was so intense that the crowd wearied when two miles of the six-mile route had been traversed. Going 15 yards from the road the crowd halted. The two negroes were told they had but a short time to live and they should confess. Reed partially confessed, implicating the other negro, but, as he had done in the court room, denied he had taken part. The murderer Cato answered incoherently.

The crowd moved across a field to a strip of woodland. A member of the mob made a speech, recounting the horrors of the crime. This inflamed the crowd to the burning pitch. To a large stump the men were chained with their backs to the stump. Then a wagonload of pine wood was hauled to the spot. It was piled around the men and 10 gallons of kerosene was thrown over them.

Photographed the Scene.
A photographer was present; the crowd cleared and he took several

views of the men bound to the stakes and ready for the burning. Just as the match was applied to the pyre one of those in front asked Reed if he wanted to tell the truth before he died.

Confessed the Murder.
"Yes, sir; I killed Mr. and Mrs. Hodges," he replied.

"Who killed the children?" he was asked.

"Handy Bell," came the response, as the flames leaped upwards.

Further questioning was impossible in the wild tumult. The spectacle was frightful. As the flames touched Reed's naked oil-soaked skin he twisted his head around in an endeavor to choke himself and avoid the fearful torture. Only once did he complain. He said: "Lord, have mercy."

Cato screamed in agony and begged to be shot. His heavy head of hair, which was oil-soaked, was almost the first thing the flames fastened on. Before the flames progressed very far his head sank forward. Apparently the fire had reached his lungs. As soon as it was seen that the men were dead, the crowd commenced to disperse. A large number remained behind, however, piling more fuel on, until both bodies were burned except the trunks.

40,000 DOMESTICS NEEDED.

Servants in Greater Demand Than Ever Before in New York City.

New York, Aug. 16.—Attaches of the immigrants' free labor bureau here estimate that 40,000 domestic servants are needed in this city and it is stated that the demands of housekeepers seeking help are far in excess of the supply. One of the agents engaged in securing places for competent servants said:

"Never in the history of the bureau has there been so great a demand. This despite the fact that throughout the last four years more women have been coming to this country than men. Thousands arrive every week from Great Britain, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Holland and Belgium. With the immigration from Italy, Hungary and the Latin states, the reverse is the rule, there being more men than women among the arrivals."

At the various missions where immigrant girls are cared for, the same story is told. In one instance it is stated there are 50 applications for every available servant.

GERMANS FOUGHT BRAVELY.

Five Officers and 19 Men Killed in Battle With the Hereros.

Berlin, Aug. 16.—Four columns of German troops attacked the Hereros near Haka-kari, German Southwest Africa, on the night of August 11. The fighting continued all day August 12. The natives were defeated with heavy losses.

Five German officers, including Count Von Arnim, and 19 men were killed. Six officers, among them Baron Von Walter and 52 men were wounded. Two are missing. Thousands of cattle were captured.

General Von Trotha, dispatching the particulars of the battle from Haka-kari, adds that his soldiers fought with the greatest bravery.

PRESIDENT OF BOLIVIA.

New Administration of the South American Republic.

New York, Aug. 16.—Senor Montes has assumed the presidency of the republic, says a Herald dispatch from Lopez, Bolivia. The cabinet is: Minister of foreign affairs, Dr. Claudio Pinilla; minister of the interior, Senor Capriles; minister of justice, Dr. J. Saracho; minister of finance, Senor Daniel Castello; minister of war, General Montes.

BASEBALL.

American.

At St. Louis—New York, 4; St. Louis, 1.

At Detroit—Philadelphia, 6; Detroit, 3.

At Cleveland—Washington, 1; Cleveland, 7.

At Chicago—Boston, 0; Chicago, 8.

At Brooklyn—First game, Cincinnati, 0; Brooklyn, 5. Second game, Cincinnati, 0; Brooklyn, 3.

At Philadelphia—First game, St. Louis, 6; Philadelphia, 1. Second game, St. Louis, 7; Philadelphia, 1.

At Boston—Chicago, 4; Boston, 5.

At New York—First game, Pittsburg, 7; New York, 2. Second game, Pittsburg, 4; New York, 1.

GRAND ARMY OF REPUBLIC GIVEN FITTING OVATION DURING BOSTON MEETING

Splendid Pageant of the Veteran Boys in Blue Cheered by Admiring Thousands of People

26,000 Veterans Were in Line and Their March Through the Streets of Boston Was Witnessed by More Than Half a Million of America's Most Patriotic Citizens.

Boston, Aug. 16.—If anything were needed to prove that the Grand Army of the Republic is still a mighty host, it was to be found today when, with half a million civilians looking on, 26,000 survivors of the union forces of the civil war marched through the

streets of Boston. Five and one-half hours were required for the parade to pass a given point.

Reports tonight indicate that more than 300 persons were either prostrated by the heat or fainted in the crowds during the day. Only one known fatality resulted.

MONTANA FORESTS BURN.

Thousands of Railroad Ties Destroyed and Men Injured.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 16.—A Miner special from Missoula says heavy forest fires are raging in the hills close around Bounta, some 24 miles east of Missoula. The fires started four days ago and have spread with rapidity over a vast territory, causing great damage. For the past two or three days from 75 to 100 men have been fighting the fire, but without any apparent success. The upper sawmill camp of Andrew McMullan had to be abandoned owing to the close proximity of the fire, which came within two feet of the cook house.

Some of the employes were badly scorched and blistered in fighting the fire. T. S. Stiles, storekeeper and contractor at Bonita, is reported to have lost over a thousand ties already and more are said to be in the hills where the fires are raging. Also in the neighborhood of Bearmouth fierce fires are burning and a tlemaker named Morgan is reported to have suffered the loss of 8000 railroad ties.

FIRES IN OREGON TIMBER.

Thirty Square Miles of Forests Burned Near Lebanon.

Albany, Ore., Aug. 16.—Forest fires in the mountains beyond Lebanon have devastated a large tract of fine forest and now are beyond control. Over thirty square miles of forests are entirely destroyed and the fires are spreading. Gilbert Bros.' shingle mill, together with residences and outbuildings are entirely destroyed and members of the firm, with families and employes, barely escaped with their lives.

Fires west of here in the Coast range of mountains are also doing great damage and many ranches are menaced, but a large force of men are fighting the flames with prospects of checking them if the winds do not rise during the night.

TO NOTIFY SENATOR DAVIS.

Democratic Candidate for Vice-President Notified Today.

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Aug. 16.—Henry G. Davis will be formally notified by the democrats tomorrow of his nomination for vice-president. Representative John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, chairman of the notification committee, will make the announcement. Senator Davis in accepting the nomination will discuss the political situation briefly. The ceremonies will take place under the oaks in front of the White Sulphur Springs hotel. Two speeches and music will constitute the program.

BIG GAS SUIT SETTLED.

Bay State Company Adjusts Difficulties Out of Court.

Boston, Aug. 16.—A compromise settlement in the suit of Receiver Pepper of the Bay State Gas Company of Delaware to join the sale of the various gas companies operating in Boston under a merger plan has been reached out of court. Suits growing out of this action, however, against H. H. Rogers, Thomas W. Lawson and J. Edward Addicks still hold.

VALUATION OF CLACKAMAS.

New Assessment Places Present Value at \$10,250,000.

Oregon City, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special to the Oregonian.)—Assessor J. F. Nelson today completed the assessment of Clackamas county property for the 1904 roll. The aggregate of property valuations, represented by the roll, is approximately \$10,250,000, or an increase of \$269,000 over last year's roll. It is not expected that any material changes will be made in the assessed valuations by the board of equalization, which will be convened on Monday, August 29. This is the earliest date for years that the assessment of property in this county has been completed.

INSURANCE RATES LOWER.

Marine Risks Can Be Placed at Lower Rates.

New York, Aug. 16.—Marine insurance rates covering risks on vessels and cargoes to the far east are decidedly easier in New York, owing to the Russian naval losses. Actual quotations have not yet been reduced but underwriters expect a decline will follow definite news as to the location of the Russian cruisers. Business in war risks has been rather light recently, indicating that the raids by the Vladivostok squadron had checked shipments, but these are now expected to revive materially.

ENTERTAIN AMERICANS.

Officers of U. S. Gunboats Dined by British Officers at Victoria, B. C.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 15.—The United States gunboats New York and Marblehead arrived in Esquimalt harbor from Bremerton last evening and were welcomed with a salute of 21 guns. Admiral Goodrich of the New York and the officers of the American cruisers were the guests at dinner this evening of Commodore Goodrich of H. M. S. Grafton. The American cruisers will remain here until Thursday morning when the New York leaves for the Brooklyn navy yard, after coaling at Port Angeles.

RADIUM IN COLORADO.

Large Deposits Discovered in the Cripple Creek District.

Denver, Aug. 16.—The News today says: Radium ore has been discovered at three different places in the Cripple Creek district. At two places the ore has been found in a well defined vein, averaging from 18 inches to two feet in width, while at another place it is scattered around in the float on the surface in large quantities and is known to exist at a very good depth in one shaft. Thousands of dollars' worth of the precious ore has been thrown over the dumps by the people operating mines in the sections referred to because they did not know that it had any value.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS CONCLAVE.

Biennial Meeting Opened in Presence of 10,000 Persons.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 15.—The formal transfer of Camp Marion E. Taylor from the local executive committee, which had placed it in readiness, to

the Knights of Pythias, for whom it was prepared, marked the formal opening of this organization's biennial conclave. The exercises occurred in the afternoon in the presence of about 10,000 persons. General James E. Carrahan, of Indianapolis, commanding the uniform rank, officially received the camp.

MORE LAND MAY BE WATERED.

Malheur Withdrawal Is Increased 26,000 Acres.

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, Aug. 15.—At the request of the geological survey 26,000 acres have been added to the Malheur irrigation withdrawal in eastern Oregon, as preliminary examination shows townships 16 and 17, range 43, are probably desirable as part of that irrigation work. In connection with the Priest river project in Washington, section 27, township 15 north, range 23 east, has also been withdrawn.—Oregonian.

EIGHT-HOUR LAW VOID.

Superior Court of Washington Finds the Statute Defective.

Seattle, Aug. 16.—Judge Bell, in the superior court of King county, decided that the eight-hour law passed by the last legislature is void. This conclusion is announced in an opinion handed down in the case of S. Normlie, a contractor, who prayed that the city be permanently enjoined from cancelling his contract because he worked men 10 hours a day.

CHICAGO BURGLAR SHOT.

In Trying to Elude Arrest Chester Severson Was Killed.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—In attempting to elude policemen and detectives early today Chester Severson, one of four burglars, was shot and instantly killed. None of the alleged thieves is more than 17 years old, Severson being the oldest, and probably the leader of the gang. The other robbers were arrested.

SALMON PACK ON FRASER.

Aggregates 69,000 Cases to Date—Less Than Half Last Year's Pack.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 16.—The total pack on the Fraser river this season to date aggregates 69,000 cases—less than half the pack for the same period last year, which was by no means a good one. The salmon run is believed to be almost over for the season.

JOSEPH JEFFERSON ILL.

Great Creator of "Rip Van Winkle" Prostrated at Summer Home.

New York, Aug. 16.—Joseph Jefferson, the actor, is reported in a Times dispatch from Boston to be seriously ill at his summer home near Buzzards' Bay, Mass. He is said to be suffering from a complication of diseases and a Boston physician has been called for consultation.

ANOTHER WAR RUMOR.

Like Banquo's Ghost, the Cruiser Pallado Will Not "Down."

Chefoo, Aug. 16, 4 p. m.—A creditable report states that the Russian protected cruiser Pallada was sunk by a torpedo during the engagement on the night of August 10.

Fleet Feared Torpedoes.

Chefoo, Aug. 16, 2 p. m.—The Japanese fleet kept off some distance from the entrance to Port Arthur during the past night, fearing danger from torpedoes in the darkness. The battle, it is now believed, will drift into this vicinity.

Say Japanese Ship Sank.

Chefoo, Aug. 16, 4 p. m.—A telegram just received from Tsing Tau says that the officers of the Russian battleship Czarevitch insist that a Japanese battleship sank within full view during the battle on the night of August 10.

Democrats of Colorado.

Denver, Aug. 16.—The executive committee of the democratic state central committee has selected September 21 as the date for holding the state convention. The convention will meet in this city.

Today's Weather.

Portland, Aug. 16.—Western Oregon and western Washington, Wednesday, fair and continued warm. Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and Idaho, fair and continued warm.

MAY EXPECT SURRENDER VERY SOON

Furious Blazing Oil Tank at Port Arthur Adds to Sufferings of the Besieged Russian Soldiers.

Even Their Enemies Take Pity on Them and Urge Them to Save Themselves

POST CANNOT HOLD OUT

Residents of St. Petersburg Are Hourly Expecting to Hear of Catastrophe and Anxiety Broods Over City.

London, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio says a big oil warehouse at Port Arthur is blazing furiously and the position of the besieged is such that the Japanese are urging them to surrender.

Cruiser Novik Sighted.

London, Aug. 16.—The Yokohama correspondent of the Daily Mail says the cruiser Novik, of the Port Arthur squadron, has been sighted off the strait of Vandelman, steering for Vladivostok.

RUSSIAN ANXIETY DEEP.

Fate of the Missing Warships Still a Mystery.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—Public anxiety regarding the fate of the ships of Admiral Witheoff's squadron remaining unaccounted for is still unrelieved. St. Petersburg continues to be entirely dependent upon foreign sources for news, Russian authorities claiming to be quite as much in the dark as the public. The admiralty neither confirms nor denies the report that a majority of the squadron returned to Port Arthur.

Nothing has been received from Russian sources regarding the report from Chefoo of the sortie of Port Arthur warships today. The report may refer to the cruiser Bayan and gunboats and torpedo boat destroyers left in the harbor, and one or two of Witheoff's ships which were forced to limp back to Port Arthur after the fight on August 10.

The report of the sinking of the cruiser Rurik is accepted as true in official circles, and the public had been prepared for definite announcement by the publication this afternoon of the report that she had been badly damaged. The authorities, out of consideration for the families of officers and sailors, decided to withhold the official announcement until they have received official report upon the return of the cruisers Rossia and Gromoboi to Vladivostok, where experts figure they should have arrived by this time.

There is a rumor afloat that the cruisers Diana and Pallada have reached Port Arthur, but the sources of the report could not be ascertained and the authorities give it little credit. The opinion is growing that the heavy losses sustained by the Port Arthur fleet may completely alter the plans regarding the Baltic squadron, a division of which is cruising in the gulf, ready to sail.

Expect Surrender Soon.

Tokio, Aug. 17.—The emperor's offer to release the non-combatants at Port Arthur, coupled with a demand for the surrender of the fortress, was delivered yesterday (Tuesday). An answer is expected today (Wednesday).

Diana at Vladivostok.

London, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to the News Agency from St. Petersburg says that a naval officer has telegraphed to his family that the cruiser Diana, of the Port Arthur squadron, has arrived at Vladivostok.

Tsingtau, Aug. 16, 1 p. m.—The Russian battleship Czarevitch and three torpedo boat destroyers now in the hands of the local German government for repairs, have been dismantled.